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SUBJECT: SWEDISH ASSISTANCE TO SPANISH TRADE UNIONS

REF: MADRID 8458

1. ERIK KARLSSON, ONE OF LO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIES, HAS GIVEN LABATT ROUNDUP OF LO ASSISTANCE TO SPANISH TRADE UNIONS SO FAR THIS YEAR. BEGINNING IN JANUARY, LO CONTRIBUTED SKR. 75,000 (\$1 EQUALS 4.2 SW. KR) THROUGH INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION TO ASSIST WORKERS EMPLOYED BY SWEDISH SUBSIDIARIES WHO WERE INVOLVED IN MADRID STRIKE WAVE AT THAT TIME. SINCE THEN LO HAS BEEN ABLE TO DRAW UPON SPECIAL SPANISH AID FUND OF SKR. 600,000 OBTAINED THROUGH  
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COLLECTION CAMPAIGN AUTHORIZED BY LO CONGRESS LAST JUNE.

OF THIS AMOUNT, SKR. 260,000 WENT TO SOCIALIST UGT TO BE USED MAINLY FOR INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN CATALONIA AND TO OFFSET SOME OF EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH SETTING UP UGT OFFICE IN BARCELONA. A FURTHER SKR. 50,000 WAS PROVIDED TO BASQUE STV, ALSO MAINLY FOR I&E ACTIVITIES. WHILE IN MADRID LAST WEEK FOR SEVERAL DAYS, KARLSSON SAID HE HAD RECEIVED REQUEST FOR HELP FROM CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST USO AND HE ANTICIPATED THAT LO WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO TUNE OF SKR. 50-75,000.

2. KARLSSON CONFIRMED NEWSPAPER ITEM SAYING THAT LOS JOINED BY TCO WILL SEND LARGE, HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL EARLY NEXT YEAR TO DISCUSS FURTHER AID PROGRAMS WITH THE NON-COMMUNIST UNIONS OF THOSE TWO COUNTRIES. DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE ON JANUARY 21 AND WILL GO FIRST TO SPAIN FOR ABOUT 6 DAYS AND THEN TO PORTUGAL FOR ANOTHER 4. IT WILL BE HEADED BY LO VICE-PRESIDENT LARS WESTERBERG AND HAVE AS MEMBERS THE PRESIDENTS OF LARGEST LO AND TCO AFFILIATES.

3. KARLSSON ADDED FINALLY THAT LO PRESIDENT GUNNAR NILSSON WILL BE IN MADRID NEXT MONTH AS MEMBER OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY DELEGATION ATTENDING PSOE CONGRESS.

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